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1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, JAPANESE DEL HAS PROVIDED MTN DEL WITH DATA ON THE VALUE OF JAPANESE EXPORTS OF CANNED CLAMS (COMPLETE TEXT PARA 3 BELOW). IF THE JAPANESE FIGURE ON ASP VALUE IS CORRECT, THE AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF IMPORTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE EXPORTED BY NOZAKI INDUSTRIES WOULD HAVE TO BE \$13.29 (\$13.29 X 22.2 EQUALS \$2.95). ALTHOUGH LIMITED DATA AVAILABLE IN GENEVA PREVENTS MTN DEL FROM USEFUL COMMENT, ITC REPORT ON ASP INDICATES THE DIFFERENTIAL IN THE UNIT VALUE OF ALL JAPANESE CANNED CLAM IMPORTS INTO THE U.S. COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE IS NOWHERE NEAR AS

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GREAT AS THAT INDICATED BY THE ABOVE CALCULATION.

2. JAPANESE DEL HAS REQUESTED DATA FROM WHICH ALL ASP CONVERSIONS WERE DEVELOPED. MTN DEL WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE SOONEST.

3. TEXT OF JAPANESE NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. McNAMARA, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS THAT WE WANTED TO RAISE DURING THE MEETING ON 28 JULY ON THE SUBJECT OF TARIFF OFFER ON CANNED CLAMS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD PROVIDE US WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE ASP DUTY CONVERSION AND THE TARIFF OFFER.

1. EXPORTS OF CANNED CLAMS FROM JAPAN ARE MAINLY CONDUCTED BY NOZAKI INDUSTRIES INC., WHO EXPORT THEM IN THE PACKAGES CONTAINING 2 DOZENS OF 10 OUNCE CANS. THE FOB PRICE OF A PACKAGE IN THE RECENT PERIOD IS REPORTED TO BE US\$18.50 WHEREAS UNDER THE ASP VALUATION THE VALUE OF US\$21.07 IS USED AS THE BASIS FOR VALUATION.

2. THE AMOUNT OF TARIFF TO BE LEVIED IS, THEREFORE, CALCULATED AS US\$2.95:

- US\$21.07 X 14 PERCENT EQUALS US\$2.95

THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO AN AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT OF 15.9 PERCENT IN CASE OF JAPANESE EXPORTS:

- US\$2.95 DIVIDED BY US\$18.50 EQUALS 15.9 PERCENT.

SHOULD THE ASP VALUATION BE REMOVED, AS EXPECTED, UNCONDITIONALLY, THE AMOUNT OF TARIFF ON JAPANESE EXPORT SHOULD

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BE COMPUTED AS US\$2.59:

- US\$18.50 X 14 PERCENT EQUALS US\$2.59.

3. AGAINST THESE BACKGROUNDS, THE PROPOSED U.S. TARIFF OFFER ON CANNED CLAMS WOULD DIVIDE THEM INTO THE FOLLOWING TWO SUB-CATEGORIES:

- EXISTING RATE PROPOSED RATE

114.05A WEIGHING NOT MORE

- THAN 24 OUNCES 22.2 PERCENT 20.0 PERCENT

114.05 B OTHERS 14.0 PERCENT 7.0 PERCENT

SINCE THE JAPANESE EXPORTS WEIGHING 10 OUNCES EACH WOULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO THE FIRST SUB-CATEGORY, THE EXPORTS WOULD BE PLACED IN AN UNDULY DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION BY THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE TARIFF INCIDENCE WOULD BE US\$3.70 WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY BE GREATER THAN THE US\$2.59 (US\$18.50 X 14 PERCENT) BUT BE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT ABOVE THE CURRENT ASP INCIDENCE OF US\$2.95.

US\$18.50 X 20 PERCENT US\$3.70.

THUS, THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE AS AN OFFER
TO JAPAN. SINCERELY, NOBUYASU ABE. UNQUOTE

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